

Meningitis kills over 700 in Sudan

Khartoum (AP) — The worst meningitis epidemic in 20 years has claimed 747 lives so far, and doctors blamed unseasonably warm weather and little government efforts for the spread of the disease. According to figures from the United Nations Children Fund and the Health Ministry, 247 people died since late February and 10,675 people were hit with the disease that causes inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. "It is the worst epidemic in Sudan in 20 years," said a UNICEF spokeswoman. At Omdurman's government-owned hospital, which has 100 beds, some 3,500 cases, sets of patients lie on the dusty ground in tents outside while doctors examined them. "They were to wait for up to 48 hours before being transferred to a hospital with vacant beds." Managing Director Fatchi Malaik said he witnessed as many as 30 deaths a day from some 140 admitted cases at the height of the epidemic. "The last major vaccination campaign in Sudan was three years ago," he said. Since the duration of the vaccine is three years, the government should have anticipated this epidemic and made preparations for it.

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King sends good wishes to Syria

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to Syrian President Hafez Assad on the occasion of Syria's Independence Day. The King wished Assad continued health and the Syrian people further progress and prosperity. Addressing a Damascus rally to mark independence day, Syrian Vice-President Zuhair Masharqa said Sunday that Syria was determined to achieve military parity with Israel, Reuter reported. Masharqa said Syria's "major independence day" had been celebrated only when occupation forces left all Arab territories.

"Syria believes that the big independence day will be celebrated when the last colonialist aggressor is evacuated from all parts of the Arab nation," he said. Damascus would work to build a strong economic base to achieve this. Masharqa said strategic parity with Israel — the declared aim of Assad — would be achieved with the help of the Arab masses and socialist countries, chiefly the Soviet Union.

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Bridges to close

AMMAN (Petra) — Normal traffic operations across the two bridges on River Jordan will be reduced Wednesday and completely banned Thursday, according to an announcement by the Public Security Department (PSD). The announcement said that a total of 300 travellers would be allowed to cross into the West Bank via the King Hussein Bridge and 150 via the Prince Mohammad Bridge Wednesday until 10 a.m. Only, it said the two bridges will be closed for all travellers Thursday, April 21.

Bahrain: Iran fears end of Gulf war

KUWAIT (R) — Iran's rulers fear that a peaceful end to the Gulf war would lead to their downfall. Bahrain's crown prince was quoted as saying Sunday. "Some over there (in Iran) see that if the war comes to an end it would mean the downfall of the current regime which failed to fulfil its war promises," Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa told Kuwait's Al Siyassah newspaper in an interview.

Yemeni leaders resume unity talks

SANA (R) — Leaders of North and South Yemen have launched fresh talks on unity in Taiz, Sanaa Radio reported Sunday. Ali Saleh Al Baidh, secretary general of South Yemen's ruling Socialist Party, met North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh for discussions in the North Yemen town Saturday. "We are one family and one people," Saleh said in a speech Saturday. "There is no solution ahead of us except unity," the radio quoted him as saying.

Poland reaffirms stand on ties with Israel

WARSAW (R) — A senior Polish Communist Party official Sunday reaffirmed Poland's stand that resumption of full Polish-Israeli diplomatic ties must be preceded by a Middle East peace settlement. Mieczyslaw Rakowski, a member of the Communist Party's ruling politburo, told a 70-member group of visiting Israeli journalists this would have to include full respect for Palestinian rights, an Israeli journalist attending the meeting at the Sejm (parliament) said. The Israeli visitors, among about 4,500 Jews attending commemorations of the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising, included former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, Justice Minister Avraham Sharir and six members of the Knesset (parliament).

Mubarak, Abul Khail discuss economic ties

CAIRO (R) — Saudi Arabia's Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ali Abul Khail and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday discussed expanding economic ties. Abul Khail, who arrived earlier on a one-day visit, said he gave Mubarak a message from King Fahd "expressing his desire to activate brotherly ties between the two countries," Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported. "We are going to discuss the possibility of reviving old agreements. A Saudi investment company was established but it has not started its operations yet," Abul Khail said.

Kenya reports massacre by cattle rustlers

NAIROBI (AP) — Cattle rustlers killed 192 villagers and injured 50 in a dawn raid on 30 nomadic camps in Kenya's remote northwestern district of Turkana, the government said Sunday. The sky over the massacre scene was black with vultures and on the ground hyenas and other wild animals scavenged bodies of the victims, reported the Sunday Nation, an independent newspaper. Laban Kitale, a minister of state in the office of the president, said police tracked and killed about 40 of the gang of 50 rustlers. Their search was aided by recent heavy rains in the district. The rest of the rustlers escaped across the border to Sudan.

Israel bans press from occupied lands

Palestinians mourn Wazir with marches and demonstrations

Combined agency dispatches

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — The Israeli army sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Sunday as Palestinians mourned the death of Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir by staging marches and observing a general strike. At least eight Palestinians were reported shot and wounded before the army banned the press from the occupied territories.

An army spokeswoman said most of the main cities in the West Bank and Gaza were closed to the press Sunday. Troops clamped a curfew on 15 refugee camps in the West Bank, the village of Anabta and the city of Nablus.

In the Gaza Strip, the refugee camps of Jabalya, Shati, and Nuseirat were under curfew. The army also put Abhaian, several neighbourhoods in Rafah and Khan Yunis camp under curfew, the spokeswoman said.

Hundreds of black flags flew for the second consecutive day in the occupied areas. Palestinians held general strikes throughout the territories.

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Palestinian uprising began Dec. 9, claiming the lives of at least 165 Palestinians and two Israelis.

Wazir (Abu Jihad) was deputy to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. He was military planner for the PLO's mainstream Fatah and the main PLO coordinator with the uprising.

Troops also shot and wounded two Palestinians near Tulkarem in the West Bank after the Arabs tried to assault the soldiers with hatchets, Israel Radio reported.

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King receives Ramadan greetings

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday received congratulatory cables from Arab and Islamic leaders on the occasion of the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The cables came from King Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, King Hassan II of Morocco, Sultan Qaboos ibn Sa'id of Oman, President Hafez Al Assad of Syria, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

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Escalating the uprising

At the home of Wazir's cousin Ahmad, in the Gaza Strip, a tent was raised for Palestinians who wanted to pay condolences.

"Wazir's murder will only increase the intifada (uprising). He was a good man, he loved his people, he worked for his people and this is a crime," Ahmad Wazir said.

Wazir's relatives live in front of his wife and daughter, replied: "I am not here."

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Body to be flown to Amman for burial Tuesday;

NBC reports Israeli cabinet approved killing

PLO leaders weigh response to Abu Jihad assassination

TUNIS (Agencies) — The leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was meeting Sunday to plan its response to the killing of its deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad).

"I send you deep condolences on the death of Mr. Wazir who was murdered by criminal hands," the King said in the cable, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

"We mourn with deepest sympathy and regret the loss of one of the most prominent Palestinian figures, who sacrificed his life to relieve Palestinians from oppression," the King said.

PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif and Ahmad Abdul Rahim announced that the body of Wazir, popularly known as Abu Jihad, would be flown to Amman for burial Tuesday.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat returned to Tunis early Sunday from Saudi Arabia to mourn his longtime comrade and chair a meeting of top PLO leaders to decide how the PLO should respond to what is universally regarded as a killing by Israeli agents.

Close aide Salah Khalaf and PLO factional leaders Nayef Hawatmeh and George Habash were expected to attend the meeting with other members of the leadership.

The Israeli government has not denied PLO and Arab League accusations that it was responsible and the Israeli press takes for granted that the raid was the

work of the Israeli secret service. Around seven attackers, including a woman, gunned down Abu Jihad at his home in the Sidi Bou Said seaside suburb of Tunis. Two bodyguards and a chauffeur also died. The killers escaped.

Wazir's wife Intisar told the Tunisian daily Al Hurriyan: "My baby of two years and eight months, who saw what happened, asked me: 'what's my daddy doing asleep?'" After hearing four bursts of gunfire, "I turned towards the wall and prayed, waiting for my turn. It never came."

Wazir was the highest-ranking PLO leader assassinated since 1973 when three PLO officials, including the organisation's spokesman, were murdered in Beirut.

A preliminary report by Tunisian investigators said the attackers burst into Wazir's home at

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Najibullah underlines resolve to retain power

MOSCOW (AP) — Afghan President Najibullah has warned rebels fighting his government that they would face the "iron will" of his people after Soviet troops could return home now because the Geneva accords guarantee Afghanistan's sovereignty.

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The Soviet news agency TASS said Najibullah made the remarks to Afghan officials and other citizens celebrating Thursday's signing in Geneva of agreements in which Afghanistan and Pakistan pledge not to interfere in one another's affairs.

Najibullah acknowledged that rebels have vowed to continue the fighting that began 10 years ago, but he said Soviet soldiers could return home now because the Geneva accords guarantee Afghanistan's sovereignty.

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The sources said the collapse appeared to be caused by the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner, now in its 13th day, and no progress was possible until the crisis was resolved.

It was now unlikely the three hostages could be freed in time for voting in presidential elections next Sunday as the government of rightist Prime Minister Jacques Chirac apparently hoped, the sources said.

Chirac, leading challenger to Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, has secured the release of seven out of 10 French hostages held in Lebanon thanks to a

Crown Prince leaves for Singapore and Japan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath left for Singapore Sunday on a two-day official visit in response to an invitation by the Prime Minister of Singapore. Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor were at the airport to bid farewell to Their Highnesses, who will visit Japan after Singapore.

In Singapore, the Crown Prince will hold talks with senior officials on bilateral relations, means for further boosting cooperation and visit industrial and economic sectors, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.



King Hussein bids farewell to Crown Prince Hassan upon the Crown Prince's departure for Singapore and Japan (Petra photo)

The Crown Prince is accompanied by Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Planning Minister Taher Kanaan, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabbaa, Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs Fayez Al Taraweeh, Royal Sci-

entific Society President Jawad Al Anani and Central Bank Governor Hussein Al Qasem.

Seeing off the Crown Prince and Princess Sarvath were senior officials and the Japanese and Indian ambassadors to Jordan.

Iraqis recapture parts of Fao peninsula from Iran

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Sunday its troops backed by units of the elite Presidential Guard staged a two-pronged attack and retook part of the southern Iraqi Fao peninsula, occupied by Iran in early 1986.

A correspondent for the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported seeing the bodies of thousands of Iranian troops on the battlefield and said in his dispatch that large numbers also were captured.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) denied the Iraqi report, saying the attackers were driven back by Iranian Revolutionary Guards with hundreds of Iraqi casualties.

Tehran Radio, however, reported "heavy fighting" in the Fao area Sunday evening and claimed Iraqi forces used chemical weapons against the Iranian forces there.

Iraq said it fired six missiles into Tehran and one of the long-range missiles into the southern city of Shiraz, bringing the number fired into Tehran to 152 since Feb. 29.

Tehran Radio said the latest missile attacks killed nine people and damaged homes and shops.

"Your sons have advanced in the Fao sector to liberate our soil and trample upon anyone who dares to attack great Iraq," said a military communiqué quoted by INA.

It said pitched battles were being fought Sunday in the offensive launched Saturday night in the marshy peninsula, which juts out into the Gulf and straddles Iraq's only sea entrance.

Tunisian security forces have not found any evidence the killers left by sea and they could still be in the country, the official told Reuters.

Spokesman Abu Sharif told Reuters that between 30 and 40 attackers carried out the assassination, with some seven or eight entering the house and the rest

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Hijackers air new appeal by hostage

ALGIERS (AP) — A passenger aboard the hijacked Jumbo jet appealed to the Kuwaiti government Sunday to release the 17 convicted extremists in Kuwaiti jails, and said the hostages faced a "black end" unless the government complied.

A man who identified himself as Suleiman Farhan Doukhi, speaking in a firm voice in Arabic said: "All the passengers are in good health. I hope the Kuwait government will act quickly to liberate the 17 young prisoners. Otherwise we all face a black end."

Doukhi also sent "greetings to the Kuwaiti people, to my mother and father and to all those who miss me."

The message appeared to be a recording. On Friday, the hijackers brought two other passengers to the aircraft's radio to make similar statements to the broadcast to the control tower.

Since the Kuwait Airways flight was hijacked enroute from Bangkok to Kuwait April 5, the hijackers' single demand has been

for the release of the 17 extremists, jailed for bombing the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in December 1983.

Kuwait has refused to give way.

Algerian officials said Sunday that Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat was expected in Algiers, but declined to say when he would arrive or whether he would play a role in the negotiations for release of the 35 hostages.

In the event of the 13th day of the crisis, Algerian authorities abruptly expelled hundreds of print and television reporters from the section of the VIP lounge where they had been allowed to stay for nearly a week while awaiting the outcome of the hijack drama.

Reporters moved into tents erected by Algerian security men on the lawn near the lounge.



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma chairs one of the meetings of QAF's board of trustees (File photo)

Queen Alia Fund: A decade of development and achievement

The following is an introduction to a pamphlet issued on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund. The introduction is by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Talal, the fund's chairperson.

THE Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund celebrates its eleventh year this year. Though still a young institution the Fund embarks upon a new decade of work with ten years of invaluable experience behind it, derived from quiet but unsung service.

If we are satisfied and proud of our achievements during the past decade, such pride and satisfaction do not preclude our reassessment of that period. Such an attitude guarantees greater efficiency and deeper concern for the future, and offers our countrymen continued hope and optimism.

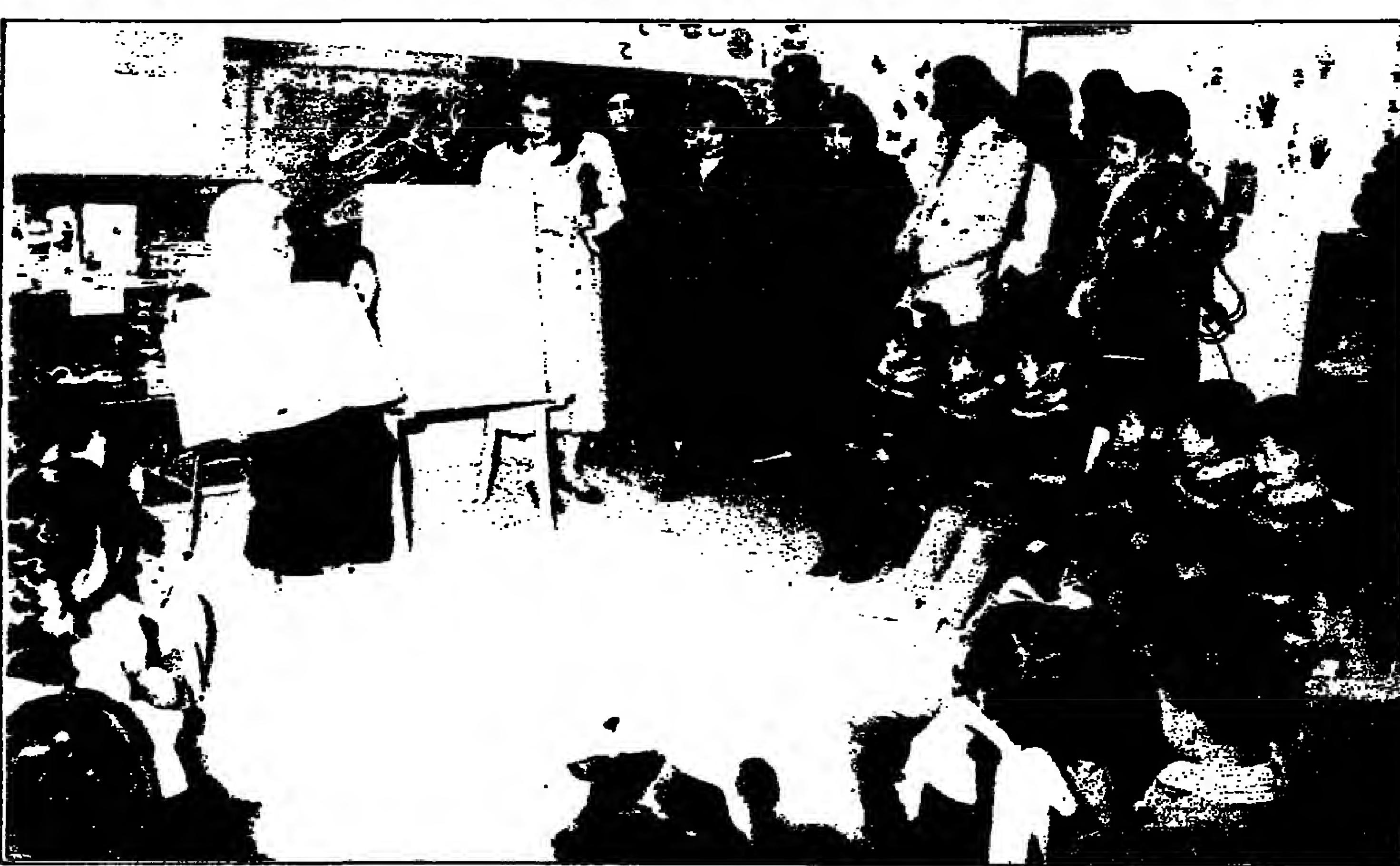
Since 1977, when His Majesty King Hussein asked me to undertake the noble duty of establishing the Queen Alia Fund, our main concerns and objectives as a

private, non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation have been to supplement the development of Jordan's social welfare services and to help meet the increasing demands of a Jordanian society that continues to grow and diversify. Thus the fund adopted a clear policy of "people" as the focal point of its efforts, and of confidence of our work should not outweigh the qualitative ones. This proved to be an effective response to the needs of the less fortunate and the disadvantaged sectors of our communities. During the last ten years, the Fund managed to complete many projects in various fields of social welfare work, particularly in the area of training sessions for mothers of the disabled, in fact, achievements here have ranked Jordan among the leaders in this field in the Third

World.

Our ambitions and responsibilities are great, though the finances available to us are, unfortunately, insufficient. There is still much to be done, for many people throughout the Kingdom still lack social services. The Queen Alia Fund looks forward to providing these people with needed services, so that they may look forward to a better and prosperous future.

On this occasion, it gives me great pleasure to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to all who backed us and stood beside us, and who will continue to do in the future, whether they are from our sister Arab states or from friendly countries abroad. We thank them sincerely for all the support they have extended in the past and for the support they intend to extend in the future — support which will enable us to continue our good and vital work. May God bless you.



Princess Basma during a visit to one of the fund's day-care centres (File photo)

tions were always moulded into working programmes which resulted in the establishment of many social centres and centres for the disabled, as well as in supporting the activities of charitable societies on both banks of the Kingdom, with the full cooperation of government agencies and private institutions.

The Fund has exerted substantial efforts to realise and maintain the quality of its social services, so that the quantitative aspects of our work should not outweigh the qualitative ones. This proved to be an effective response to the needs of the less fortunate and the disadvantaged sectors of our communities. During the last ten years, the Fund managed to complete many projects in various fields of social welfare work, particularly in the area of training sessions for mothers of the disabled, in fact, achievements here have ranked Jordan among the leaders in this field in the Third

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Peace through an atmosphere of trust

The following is the statement made by Dr. Hazem Nusseibeh, the head of Jordan's parliamentary delegation to the 79th Inter-Parliamentary Conference held in Guatemala City between April 11 and 16.

IT GIVES me happiness to express to the government and people of Guatemala our appreciation for the warm hospitality afforded to the 79th Inter-Parliamentary Conference in this beautiful city, to discuss as parliamentarians, ways and means of strengthening world peace, security, and global prosperity by an atmosphere of trust in interstate relations.

Needless to stress that world peace, security, and prosperity have become irretrievably invisible in the present age. Our paramount task, therefore, is to dedicate ourselves to ensuring that peace and prosperity are not the exclusive domain of some areas of the world to the exclusion of others. This is not only a moral imperative but a compelling and inescapable practical need as well.

Jordan is at the heart of an area, a vital and extensive area astride three continents, which has been suffering the awesome consequences of the absence of peace. Immediately adjacent is the West Bank of Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights where, over four months, the Palestinian people have arisen in a great uprising to achieve their liberation from foreign Israeli occupation, oppression, colonisation, strangulation, and eventual destruction.

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Once again, the thirteen-year old agony of the Lebanese people continues without resolution. Israel continues to occupy portions of Lebanon territory in the south in the so-called "security zone." Such unlawful occupation has naturally prompted a valiant resistance movement to expel the aggressor. Caught in the fighting are Lebanese towns, villages, and Palestinian refugee camps which fall victim to Israeli air, land, and sea bombardment causing numerous casualties and widespread destruction. As parliamentarians, we should strongly demand prompt Israeli withdrawal in conformity with U.N. resolutions and the inviolability and sovereignty of the state of Lebanon.

These and other Middle East issues were given utmost attention at the Arab summit conference held in the Jordanian capital Amman last November under the most astute and wise leadership of His Majesty King Hussein.

While welcoming wholeheartedly the American-Soviet accord on the simultaneous withdrawal of intermediate missiles from Europe and seeking to resolve regional conflicts such as Afghanistan, we look forward to further progress on a 50 per cent reduction in strategic ballistic missiles and trust-building measures at the forthcoming superpower summit in Moscow, to achieve, as item three on our agenda states, "Peace and development in the world by creating an atmosphere of trust in interstate relations leading to the adoption of purely defensive military concepts."

Surely, the blood-letting, destruction and paralysis must come to an end. Jordan which has always supported a peaceful and not a military solution calls for the convening of an international conference in which the five permanent members of the

Security Council should participate and all parties concerned including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, to seek a just and lasting resolution to this forty-year old tragedy and suffering.

The eight-year old war of devastation between Iran and Iraq must be given the most urgent attention, with a view to bringing pressure to bear to achieve its immediate cessation.

There is a universal consensus behind Security Council Resolution 598 for ending the war. Iraq has unequivocally accepted the resolution since its adoption in July 1987. Iran has rejected the resolution and its rejection has tragically and without any plausible or acceptable reasons prolonged the war and brought about additional suffering and destruction to both sides, to the Middle East as a whole and to world commerce and shipping which caused foreign naval presence in the region.

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This great epic in the annals of human liberation which continues unabated until its goals are achieved, has endured against seemingly impossible odds and colossal suffering by men, women, and children in every town, village, and refugee camp. It is a testimony to the indomitable spirit of a people who, though totally unarmed, are determined to throw off the yoke of enslavement and oppression, and to achieve national and human redemption.

Many have been martyred in this unequal struggle. More than five thousand have so far been wounded by gunfire, gasses, and lethal beatings which shattered many a body and limb. TV crews have filmed unspeakable scenes of atrocities including the burial of four teenagers alive and, a forty-minute bone shattering of a Palestinian teenager by four Israeli soldiers. Homes throughout the occupied territories are being raided at night by Israeli troops, beating and pillaging the innocent inhabitants, including elderly men, women, and children. In short, the occupied territories have been turned into a large prison and schools have been turned into concentration camps to house an almost ten thousand detainees.

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Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid

Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid receives French award

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At a reception held Saturday night, Her Royal Highness Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid was decorated as "Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres."

Presented on behalf of the French government by French Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Leclercq, the decoration, the highest in its category, was bestowed upon the Princess in recognition of her contribution to art in both France and the world. The Princess is the first person to have received such a high award in Jordan.

In his presentation speech Leclercq likened meeting the Princess to a feast. "When meeting you, everything appears as a feast," he said, "the sparkling of your personality, your curiosity always on the alert, your constant interest in others, your capacity for finding life in all its manifestations... all leads to a feast. To meet you, to be with you, is to live, in the proper sense, an extraordinary moment."

Leclercq then went on to talk about the Princess' connections with his own country, which began in 1927 when the Princess went to study at the Academic Ranson. "That is where the click took place that linked you for so long with France and made of you an incomparable hyphen between

the Bosphorus and the Seine, between the eastern Mediterranean and our western shores between... the Byzantine, Persian, Cretan, Oriental and the artistic and pictorial swarming of the French capital."

Closing his speech with a tribute to her remarkable personality, Leclercq ended "for what you are, for your dazzling artistic work, for the contribution it found in my country, I... bestow upon you the insignia of Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres."

The Princess now in her 87th year was visibly moved and expressed her delight at receiving the award in a short speech which was delivered by her son Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd.

The Princess, since her return to Jordan in 1975, has established the Fahrelnissa Zaid Institute for Fine Arts, her students going on to hold many exhibitions both at home and abroad to wide acclaim.

The Princess herself has held several exhibitions here in Jordan, most notably her huge retrospective at the Royal Cultural Centre in 1983. Since last September the Princess has been working with stained glass creating in this difficult media her uniquely original pictures which will be exhibited at the Royal Cultural Centre at the end of May.

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18:35 Religious programme
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TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Art exhibition by Mohammad Boulos and Mousra Al Tamish at the Housing Bank Gallery.

* From Gutenberg to Electronics at El Goethe Institute.

* An art exhibition by Mohammad Abu Zreiq at the Alia Art Gallery.

* Exhibition of photographs of Jordans at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

FEATURE FILMS

* You Can't Take it with You at 5:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

* Great Expectations at 7:30 p.m. at the British Council.

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Feldfare Museum: Jewelry and costumes 100 years old, also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th-10th centuries). Tel: 771751.
Amman International Church (inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeissani, Tel: 677534.
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DEPARTURES

ROYAL JORDAN

Lecture sheds light on Madaba excavations

IRBID (J.T.) — An Italian professor, specialising in anthropology and antiquities, delivered a lecture at Yarmouk University Saturday, shedding light on archaeological excavations in Ajyoun Mousa and Mount Nebo west of Madaba.

He spoke in detail on the discovery of two sixth century churches built in the site and their treasures of mosaics and frescos.

At the University of Jordan Dr. Muhammed Haddad delivered a lecture depicting the development of rural regions in the Kingdom and the culture of the local communities.

Body found floating in water tank

IRBID (J.T.) — Police in Irbid Governorate have found the body of an unidentified man floating in a water tank on the roof of a house owned by a citizen in Edidoun 'near Irbid.'

The body was pulled out and taken for autopsy at the Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid, according to Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

The paper reported the stabbing of a 22-year-old man identified as M.A.M. by an unknown assailant.

It said that the stabbing was in the victim's left side of the body which did not kill him.

He was taken to King Hussein Medical Centre for treatment.

Al Ra'i also reported the injury of four people in a road accident which occurred at Rweishid area.

The paper quoted Civil Defence officials as saying that the accident involved a Saudi Arabian pick up truck and a Jordanian trailer.

The victims who include a seven-year old child were taken to Al Mafrag Government Hospital for treatment.

Ministry to expand free medical services to schools

AMMAN (Petra) — The Health Ministry's Pharmacy Control Department is conducting evening inspection tours of pharmacies in different cities, to ensure that they abide by the ministry's regulations.

According to the department Director, Husamuddin Mismar, the inspection teams are being sent out following public complaints that many of the pharmacists hand over their work to assistants after six in the evening.

"An assistant," he said, "should be conducting work under the direction of a fully qualified pharmacist. But, he added, very few violators have been identified and were warned to abide by regulations."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WORLD TRAFFIC DAY: The Karak Governorate is preparing to hold a major celebration to mark the World Traffic Day on May 4. Some traffic police, civil defence men and ideal drivers will be honoured on that day.

POLICE GRADUATES: Director of Irbid Police Department Sunday graduated 49 students, including 23 students who have just completed a six-month training course organised by Friends of the Police Society.

SOVIET DELEGATION: A visiting Soviet delegation representing the general services sector Sunday met with chairman and members of the administrative committee of the General Union of Workers in the general services and free professions sector in Jordan. The delegation will meet with a number of officials and trade unionists Monday.

INDIAN DELEGATION: Amman Chamber of Industry President Mohammad Asfour Saturday discussed bilateral relations and prospects for developing them with the Indian ambassador in Amman who was accompanied by a visiting Indian delegation representing the construction sector.

IRBID DEVELOPMENT: Irbid Governor Akram Al Nasser Sunday presided over a meeting for Irbid Governorate's advisory board, and discussed means of overcoming the obstacles facing the implementation of the governorate's development plan for this year. The meeting was attended by Jordan Valley Authority President and the advisory board members.

EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA: Mut'a University's Continuous Learning Committee Sunday organised a symposium on planning and developing educational curricula, attended by educational staff from Karak Governorate, Qar and South Mazar districts.

TAX EXEMPTION: The period of exemption from income and social affairs tax offered to investors in free zones in Jordan is 12 years, a spokesman for the Free Zones Corporation said Sunday. The spokesman was commenting on a report that appeared in the Jordan Times which said the period was seven years.

TURKISH ENVOY: Turkey's ambassador to Jordan Semih Belen visited the Islamic Organisation Council headquarters in Amman and met with officials to discuss his country's stand with regard to the current Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Belen said at the meeting that several demonstrations were staged in Ankara, Istanbul and other Turkish cities to express support for the uprising.

MAN GETS 15 YEARS: The military court has sentenced in absentia Mohammad Qasem Muhareb to 15-year imprisonment with hard labour, for dealing in the sale of firearms without licence. The military governor Sunday endorsed the sentence.

UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN: University of Jordan staff will work from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. during the fasting month of Ramadan, according to a decision taken by the University President Abdul Salam Al Majali. The decision excluded staff of the University Hospital, the library, the engineering office, the university farm-maintenance section, guards and the daily paid workers.

MAFRAG DEVELOPMENT: The Mafraq governor Sunday made inspection tours of Rweishid, and Safawi in the eastern regions of the Kingdom and visited development projects in Rweishid district. He met with local officials and representatives of the local community, to review their district's needs and said these needs will be studied in full. The governor said that projects being implemented in the eastern districts at present cost nearly JD 3.6 million at the Hamad Basin in addition to a JD 11 million electrification project in the same region.



PRINCE HASSAN VISITS: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday called at the Prime Minister's office where he met with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (Petra photo).

Seminar discusses Jordan's political stand in Mideast

AMMAN (Petra) — A one-day seminar on Jordan's political stand was held at the University of Jordan's Centre for Strategic Studies during which a number of former ministers and notable personalities spoke in detail about the Middle East question, inter-Arab relations and peace initiatives for the Middle East.

Former Minister Taher Hikmat projected the Kingdom's stand as emanating from the principles of the Great Arab Revolt, which the Hashemite family had been advocating ever since the turn of the century.

"One can easily detect this attachment of Jordan's policies to this revolt in most of His Majesty King Hussein's addresses on the Palestinian question in general and the city of Jerusalem in particular," Hikmat said.

He said Jordan's interaction with the rest of the Arab Nation was represented in its participation in the 1967 and 1973 wars, and in its acceptance of the 1974

Rabat Arab summit resolutions designated the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

Jordan has joined the other Arab states in rejecting the Camp David accord, later led the way for helping Egypt to rejoin the Arab fold, and is now spearheading efforts to convene an international conference on the Middle East," Hikmat noted.

He said that Jordan is now stepping up its contacts with Arab countries in supporting the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

In addition, Hikmat said, "Jordan is exerting relentless efforts to maintain solidarity among Arab countries, and leading the way to bolster inter-Arab economic cooperation."

Another speaker was Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani who reviewed the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship since 1948.

While Mr. Mahmoud Al Sharif, chairman of the board of the Al Dustour Arabic daily, spoke

in detail about the geographic, demographic and historic factors laid down in the basis of Jordan's strategy on the Arab, regional and international levels.

Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber from the University of Jordan reviewed international developments, and Jordan's endeavours for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

In his lecture, Abu Jaber also touched on the U.S. and Soviet stands vis-a-vis the different issues in the Middle East.

The last speaker was Mr. Nasroul Al Majali, director general of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation.

Majali outlined Jordan's moves towards reaching a settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict, and an honourable solution to the Palestine problem.

He also referred to the six-point Jordanian document handed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, which he said, presented "a comprehensive Jordanian vision for a just and durable solution."

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Woman gives birth to triplets

AJLOUN — A 27-year-old woman from Sakhra, in Ajloun district, has given birth to triplets, a boy and two girls, but the three babies were placed in incubators because of their premature birth, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

The report quoted hospital officials as saying the delivery took place seven months after conception, and that the average weights of the babies was 1,400 grammes, which warrants placing them in the incubators.

Interviewed by the paper, the father of the babies, 30-year-old Ahmad Momani, expressed delight over the happy occasion, and said if they lived the total number of his children would be four.

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Ghandour briefed the students on RJ's experiments since its establishment and the vast network it now operates around the world.

He also explained the role of RJ's board of directors in laying

down strategies and future programmes, and the role of the executive branch in implementing these plans.

Ghandour spoke in general about the establishment of national airlines contracts with different nations on landing rights, setting up new stations, marketing and other topics related to air transport.

"RJ plays a leading role in marketing Jordan's tourist and archaeological attractions," Ghandour said.

Towards the end of the meeting Ghandour answered questions related to the national airline's performance and operations.

Several officials from both universities were present at the lecture.

Society urges support for Palestinian captives' families

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Society for the Welfare of the Families of the Detainees and Captives Saturday urged support for families of the Palestinian detainees and captives to enable them to meet the basic subsistence needs.

In a statement issued on the occasion of the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian Captives, which fell Sunday, the society said that the Solidarity Day "coincides this year with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories, and the accompanying brutal Israeli measures against our kinsmen in the occupied territories."

The statement voiced appreciation to, and pride in, "thousands of our brothers and sisters who are now suffering a lot in the Israeli prisons."

The statement also recalled with pride those who fell martyrs while defending their national

Anani outlines society's achievements and plans

RSS to establish consortium to operate industrial zone

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) has prepared plans for the establishment of a Jordanian technological consortium which will act as an investment company, operating an industrial-technological zone, and paving the way for the private sector to invest in development projects, RSS President Jawad Al Anani announced Sunday.

The projected group which is to make most investments in the technological field, will start operations within two months from now, Anani said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, on the occasion of the society's 18th anniversary.

The RSS was established under a Royal Decree in 1970 when His Majesty King Hussein sent a message to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan entrusting him with the establishment of the RSS to lead the way in scientific research and offer services to the local community.

Eighteen years after its establishment, RSS has the following

departments: Mechanical engineering, industrial chemistry, economic research, computer, building research centre, training centre, solar energy and public information departments.

The RSS, Anani said, has obtained funds for financing an engineering design centre and made plans for cooperating with the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) to set up a biology research centre.

Anan pointed out that the RSS is stepping up its contacts with Arab countries and has secured sufficient funds to cover a joint study with Iraq on the utilisation of solar power, to provide elec-

tricity to rural regions of Jordan. He said the study was expected to cost \$1.5 million to be shared equally by Iraq and Jordan.

Anan referred to the joint investment company with North Yemen which, he said, aims to offer the society's technical services to North Yemen projects.

The company has started operating now and has concluded contracts for implementing a number of projects, Anan noted.

The RSS, he said, has concluded an agreement with Egypt for implementing seven schemes in the fields of energy, building, economy and research, and work has already started on these enterprises.

The RSS has reached agreements with Sudan for implementing projects with European Community financing, and reached agreements with Kuwait for implementing two energy conservation projects, Anan noted.

The RSS president said that the West German government was

expected to increase its contributions to the RSS, helping it to carry its schemes, and is expected to provide 4.3 million European Currency Units (ECU) in addition to JD 1.3 million for financing the society's research over the coming three years.

He said the Swiss government has agreed to finance one of the society's projected centres — either the engineering design centre or the philosophy research centre — and the RSS has reached agreements for dispatching its scientists to France for further training.

Anan said the Canadian government has agreed to grant \$350,000 to the RSS, to help it complete building its "technology information centre."

On the local scene, he said, the RSS has reached agreements with the Jordan Electricity Authority, the Salt Development Corporation and other institutions on implementing electrification projects and the production of building materials.

Ministry to expand free medical services to schools

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education is expanding its free medical services to government schools by increasing its medical teams' visits and examinations of children, and also by employing larger numbers of physicians and dentists to help it carry out this programme, according to the Ministry of Education's School Department director.

Since the beginning of this year, she said, nearly 60 per cent of Jordan's government school children have been examined and provided with vaccination or given health education sessions.

This programme, she added, is being carried out with the help of teachers and other officials from the Ministry of Education who had been given special training

courses in this respect.

Medical teams affiliated to the Ministry of Education are conducting monthly tours and carrying out examinations of children, especially in the compulsory stage, which also entails giving lectures and directions about personal cleanliness, the danger of smoking and means of protecting the environment from pollution.

This programme, she added, is additional number of doctors at the start of January this year and it now plans to raise the number of medical teams to 24 and its dental teams to 34, she said.

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At present, a study is underway to provide hearing aids to students with hearing problems, the director added.

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The whole, not the part

THE resumption of the "war of the cities" between Iran and Iraq after a short truce underscores the elementary military proposition that in any given war on the scale that exists between the two belligerent countries in the Gulf one cannot sustain a truce on one front for too long without affecting a general truce on all other fronts. In other words, one cannot have a cold front in the midst of hot fronts. The lessons of the eight-year-old war in the Gulf bear out this observation more than anything else. There were repeated efforts in the past, for example, to freeze or suspend attacks on shipping in the Gulf as an independent objective. Such aspirations were all in vain, as the on-again off-again attacks by the two sides on international shipping became the hallmark of their war. Likewise, any attempt to halt rocket attacks by both countries against the cities of each other, in isolation from halting the other hot fronts, is doomed to fail. That is why the focus of attention of the international community, especially the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, should be directed to ending the whole war between Iran and Iraq, in conformity with Security Council Resolution 598, rather than to stop some parts of it.

It is truly futile to attempt to partition the war fronts in the Gulf into separate components, and to attempt to deal with the war on that basis. That is why after a brief interlude in the so-called "war of the cities" between Iraq and Iran, the missiles are once again falling on the cities of both countries. War is war, and all its aspects are indivisible. The sooner the overall war in the Gulf is brought to an equitable end, the sooner the suffering of innocents on both sides will end. The world made up its mind on how to stop the war in the Gulf when the U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 598 in July of last year. The prescription for ending the hostilities in the Gulf are therefore available for all concerned to observe and implement. There are no more excuses for procrastination or waiving. The time is much overdue to implement that resolution. But will the permanent members of the Security Council heed their own counsel and decision? We are all still waiting for the answer and the peoples of Iraq and Iran are paying in blood and anguish for this delay in bringing the whole war to an honourable resolution.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Criminal attack

THE criminal time bomb attack which took place at the municipality premises in Amman on Saturday can by no means shake the Jordanian family's faith and national commitment. Such criminal actions can never deviate the people of Jordan and the nation as a whole from supporting the Palestinian people's rights and can never discourage this country from going ahead with policies designed to achieve peace. The criminals who perpetrated and carried out the crime are no more than enemies of our nation's values and aspirations. They are trying to express their hatred for Arab people through this evil act, and desperately aiming to dissipate the national effort to prevent Jordan from confronting the common enemy. Needless to say, that our Jordanian family which is characterised by cohesion and which in the past faced numerous intrigues and aborted many plots, is now capable more than any time in the past to preserve and protect Arab values and the nation's mission; and is no doubt capable of enhancing its national unity through constructive work and sacrifice and diligence. There is no doubt that through unity and resolve the Arabs can and will regain their usurped rights and territory and establish a genuine peace. Jordan will remain a strong fortress in the face of aggressors and an oasis of security and stability.

Al Dustour: King's confidence in people, army

KING Hussein's message to the commander in chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces expresses the monarch's confidence in his people and his appreciation of the achievements of the Armed Forces which carry the standards of the Great Arab Revolt. In his message to the Armed Forces, the King warned that the forces of evil are active these days in a pincer movement, trying to destroy the Arab order. These forces are represented in Iran from the east and Israel from the west, with both sides coordinating their steps and their conspiracies against this nation. He told the Armed Forces that Jordan continues to work for convening an international peace conference to achieve an honourable peace, acceptable to the coming generations and ensuring an end to Israel's occupation of Arab land and a just and durable solution to the Palestine problem. The world, King Hussein said, has voiced its total support for Jordan's endeavours and the efforts of the Arab Nation to regain its rights and its lands. But, he said, again that Jordan cannot and will not act or negotiate on behalf of the Palestinian people. Jordan, he added, will attend the conference as an independent and sovereign state, or if the Palestinians agree, in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Sawt Al Shaaib: Amid critical times

KING Hussein's message to the Jordanian Armed Forces came amidst critical circumstances this nation is going through. The King's message reminded the Jordanian family of the challenges which this country had been facing and the sacrifices offered in service of the Arab Nation by the leaders of the Great Arab Revolt and the Armed Forces in Palestine. The monarch particularly referred to the current uprising in the occupied Arab territories which he said came about in response to Israel's atrocities and plans for expansion. The King reminded the Armed Forces and the nation at large of the need to work in cohesion to confront the Iranian aggression in the east and the Israeli enemy in the west. The King's message expressed appreciation for the Armed Forces' endeavours and sacrifices; and made it clear to all that Jordan's efforts aim to help the Palestinians regain their rights, emphasising once again that Jordan will not negotiate for the Palestinians nor will act on behalf of the PLO, the representative of the Palestinian people.

The Soviets are coming

By Waleed Sadi

MOSCOW'S call on the PLO to recognise Israel in return for the latter's recognition of the right of the Palestinians to self-determination marks a distinct departure from passive Soviet diplomacy in the Middle East and the commencement of an active dynamic, and operational diplomacy. In an unprecedented, bold and forthright approach and style, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had seized upon the visit of Chairman Yasser Arafat to Moscow, which came on the heels of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's second stage shuttle diplomacy to the Middle East, to proclaim this new Soviet deviation from staying on the periphery of events in the region. In more than one way the Soviet decision to intervene in the peace process in the Middle East, when all clinical signs indicate that the peace process is dying an agonising death, constitute a rescue mission to the whole quest for peaceful resolution of the Palestine case and the overall Arab-Israeli conflict in the final hour.

It was no coincidence that this sudden Soviet interest in hyper-active diplomacy in our region of the world corresponded with the signing of the Afghan peace agreement that envisages early withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country on terms agreed upon by Washington and Moscow. This has led many observers to conjecture that a deal had been cooked up between the two superpowers on the twin cases of Palestine and Afghanistan. As there were obvious concessions by Washington on the Afghan accord, it seems natural that Moscow would be at least that much accommodating to Washington on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Perhaps this could also explain why Shultz hanged on to his initial optimism about his peace plan in the Middle East when everybody else in the region, Arab as well as Israel, seemed reconciled to its early suffocation and strangulation.

Over and above these considerations, Moscow's word of advice to the PLO carries considerable weight because Moscow has been viewed by most of the Arab World as a bona fide supporter of Arab causes and as a trusted champion of the PLO and all its varied factions. It is clear that Moscow can get away with any counsel that it may present to its friends in the Arab World whereas the very same advice coming from another quarter would be a suspect. With this in mind Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has decided to construct on his country's sound and unquestionable credentials in most Arab capitals to push forward ideas that normally would be viewed as heretic or sacrilegious.

If Moscow's words to the PLO are heeded by the various factions

of the PLO it would prove and substantiate the proposition that Moscow indeed has the ultimate key for the resolution of the Palestine case and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Moreover, Gorbachev's choice of timing and juncture in the region's developments prove that he is masterful in the use of his clout in the hearts and minds of many Arabs to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East simultaneously with the advancement of detente with the U.S. in order to resolve other thorny situations and issues like Afghanistan and nuclear disarmament.

Yet upon closer scrutiny of Gorbachev words to Arafat, one would be hard put to discern a real change of heart on the part of the Soviet Union vis-a-vis the issues of war and peace in the Middle East. The PLO itself has always hinted that it is willing to entertain a reciprocal exchange of recognition between it and Israel. Seen from this perspective, Moscow has not stepped on anybody's toes when it called for the very thing that the PLO has been campaigning for on more than one front or occasion. Besides, the mere call for Israel's recognition is not anathema to Soviet doctrine as it was the first government on earth which extended recognition to the infant state of Israel back in 1948. And till now the Soviet call for reciprocal exchange of recognition between the PLO and Israel has not caused any noticeable ripples in Palestinian quarters within the PLO family. And if the remarks of Chairman Arafat after his talks with the Soviet leadership that his last visit stands out as the most profitable one yet are anything to go about, then one may conclude that the smooth sailing of the Soviet-Palestinian relationship will continue unhampered and unbothered by the call on the PLO to extend recognition to Israel in the context of an overall settlement of the Palestinian case based on the exercise of the right to self-determination by the Palestinian people.

What remains to be seen is the Israeli reaction to the novel Soviet heavy involvement in the peace process in the Middle East. But as long as Washington and Moscow are in league on how to proceed in the quest for peace in the Middle East, then Israel may not have a choice but to yield to super-power diplomacy. It is one thing for Tel Aviv to stand up to Washington and lecture it on what is good or bad for the U.S. and it is quite another for it to attempt to bark on Moscow as well. Viewed against this backdrop, Moscow appears determined to push the peace process forward. That explains why Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister is coming to the region.

Islam makes its mark on Dutch

By Paul Verschuur
The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — The historic Dutch reputation for religious tolerance — and the culture of Islam — are facing new challenges now that 400,000 Muslim believers have made it clear they're here to stay.

After Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, Islam is now the nation's third-biggest religion, and a public debate is in full swing over how much Muslims should adapt to Dutch society — or it to them.

Parliament recently overrode several noise-sensitive municipalities with a law protecting the right of this nation's 150 or so mosques to broadcast prayer calls via public address systems.

They clash with their daughters over issues such as women's role in public life and the propriety of European dress and dating habits, according to Brugman.

Islamic schools have been springing up around the country, where many publicly funded schools are Protestant or Catholic-oriented, despite their overwhelmingly secular curriculum.

Despite the forces of cultural integration, Muslim believers here form a closely knit group with few outside contacts, and the Dutch can never make up their minds about how much adaptation to expect, says Prof. Jan Brugman, a leading Dutch expert on Islam.

The first generation of Muslims began arriving here from the mountains of central Morocco and eastern Turkey in the 1960s, recruited as guest workers to man

northern Europe's economic boom.

Second generation

But when the Dutch economy slumped with the global oil crisis of the 1970s, unemployment hit hardest among the poorly trained guest workers, who by then had brought their families.

Today, it is that second generation that faces the most serious problems, Brugman, a professor of Arabic at Leiden University, told the Associated Press.

Turkish and Moroccan fathers often are forced to depend on their Dutch-fluent teen-aged sons when dealing with Dutch officials, but still enforce strong parental authority in the home.

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"Everybody goes around flirting as much as he wants. That can't go on," El Nouweiri said. "Whores, pornography, and you're talking about women's rights?"

El Nouweiri, who criticised the strong Dutch support for Israel, says he's grown more fervent in his Islamic beliefs since his arrival in the first place," Brugman said.

"The problem will be all over in a few generations," he said. "They'll undergo far-reaching assimilation."

While there have been few reported incidents of Dutch-Mus-

lim violence, ridicule of Turks and Moroccans is common, especially in lower economic strata where they are seen as taking unfair advantage of this nation's generous social welfare system.

Allah or the guider

Islamic believers frequently take offense at what they see as a lack of religious piety in The Netherlands, where church attendance is dwindling and a large proportion of the ethnic Dutch population professes to be agnostic.

"We say 'Allah is Great,' they say: 'The guider (currency) is great.' ... not one one of them talks about Jesus," says Lebanon-born Mustapha El Nouweiri, a 38-year-old interpreter who has lived here for three years.

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While there have been few reported incidents of Dutch-Mus-

lim converted to Islam in 1985: "People think it's strange you believe in God this way (because of) the fact they're distancing themselves from God and we're moving toward him."

Most Muslims in the nation of 14.6 million are of Turkish or Moroccan origin, and have permanent residency status rather than the Dutch citizenship available to them.

There is also a substantial Muslim minority among the 180,000 Dutch nationals born in the former Dutch colony of Suriname, located north of Brazil.

Muslims make up 2.7 of the Dutch population, about the same percentage of Muslims as are in the West German and French populations.

In 1986, foreign nationals resident in The Netherlands for over five years were allowed to vote in local government elections, and Premier Ruud Lubbers' Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) stressed its own religious roots in trying to attract Muslim voters.

Brugman opposes the vote for non-citizens, and says their isolation from Dutch society is perpetuated by the instruction in Turkish and Arabic language and culture that Turkish and Moroccan children are entitled by law to receive.

Highlighting that cultural isolation was an incident in 1986 when Social Affairs Minister Jan de Koning urged an all-male audience at a Turkish mosque to bring their wives and daughters to the polling booth.

His remarks met with an embarrassed silence.

camp. Neither is there a sewage system.

Activists of the Palestinian Working Women's Union visit the homes of detainees, bringing presents of hand-knitted jumpers for them. They are dark blue with a V-neck, according to prison regulations, but bear the union's symbol, a woman and a dove. In each packet there are two notes. One stating that this is a present from the union and the size, the other that the wool used is not made by Polgat, an Israeli company which fired dozens of Palestinian workers for striking during the uprising. It is being boycotted by Palestinians in Israel and supportive Israelis in Israel and supportive Israelis in Israel.

In many homes, there are two or three people in detention. Some have been kidnapped by settlers, their whereabouts unknown. There is concern and sorrow, but, it seems, no fear. We have become not only one people, but one family, a man says. One woman hesitates to accept a jumper for her husband.

"I'm not a social case, you know. I'm proud of my husband and don't want your pity," she says. When she is assured that the present is a token of respect and support, she accepts, and wishes the women luck in their campaign.

After regrouping in Jerusalem we start off for Qaqab Jabra, a refugee camp near Jericho. In East Jerusalem the strike is in effect. Here shops are open between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the afternoon only. Large companies of border guards and soldiers patrol the city walls, alert for demonstrations after the Friday prayers. Qaqab Jabra is a poor camp. Although it lacks the extreme crowding of Jabaliya or Beach Camp in Gaza, it lies in the middle of a desert and its homes are made of a light brown clay. There are no paved roads, and although it hasn't rained for more than a day, large puddles are everywhere and passage is difficult. Women carry pails of water as there is no running water in the

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Hoping for the better

ABU JIHAD, the number two man in the PLO, was assassinated Saturday morning in Tunis. A news item as important as this deserved sixth place on Jordan TV's main news bulletin Saturday evening. A car bomb exploded the same day in Amman Municipal Building, causing some material damage. That item landed eighth place on the same news bulletin. And a water tanker, in an incident whose relationship with the bomb was ignored by the official media, lost control while coming to the scene of the explosion and tragically killed six Jordanians. That item deserved tenth place on that bulletin.

I think I speak for many Jordanians who are infuriated with our official media's set of priorities in informing citizens about what is going on. We are Arabs, and we care about events around us that have a direct effect on us. We should expect that the news gets the proper exposure it deserves. We are living in Amman, not in Rio Janeiro or Sydney.

We are an educated, intelligent and aware people, proud of our country, our leadership and our traditions. It seems to me that in cases such as these, we are being treated insensitively by our official media, at a time when we Jordanians should be fully informed by our own media about events that take place in our midst so that we could have the facts required to work together as a united country to face up to any dangers and to foil any plots directed at us. A well informed citizenry is vital to genuine public welfare, particularly in a turbulent region such as ours.

Marwan Muasher

Wazir — a pillar in Palestinian struggle

BY Mona Ziaude
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Khalil Al Wazir, the PLO's military commander assassinated in Tunis early Saturday, was one of the movement's main pillars, forging what began as a secret student cell into a guerrilla force.

Al Wazir, known throughout the Middle East by his nom-de-guerre of Abu Jihad, or "father of holy war," was a 35-year veteran of the war against Israel.

He was born in Ramle, in Palestine, on Oct. 10, 1953. His father owned a bakery.

At age 13, he and his family were forced to move to Gaza after Israel was created. At high school in Gaza a few years later, he became leader of the students' union.

He began recruiting young Palestinians into the union, forming a clandestine cell, challenging Egypt's rule in Gaza.

In 1954, the Egyptians arrested him and held him for several weeks before freeing him.

The following year, Al Wazir led his first major operation, blowing up water tanks near Bett Hanoun.

In the 1956 Middle East war, Al Wazir fled to Egypt, where he enrolled at the

French hostages miss chances of freedom

ANATA occupied West Bank (AP) — A mosque under construction in this West Bank village has become the focus of some of the religious and nationalistic passions that are rending the region.

Last week, hundreds of villagers surrounded the construction site to prevent troops from carrying out a demolition order. The Israeli occupation authorities had ordered torn down because they say it is being built without a permit.

The villagers said the Israelis withheld the permit to punish them for taking part in the 18-week anti-Israel uprising and for refusing to accept an Israeli-appointed leader-

er.

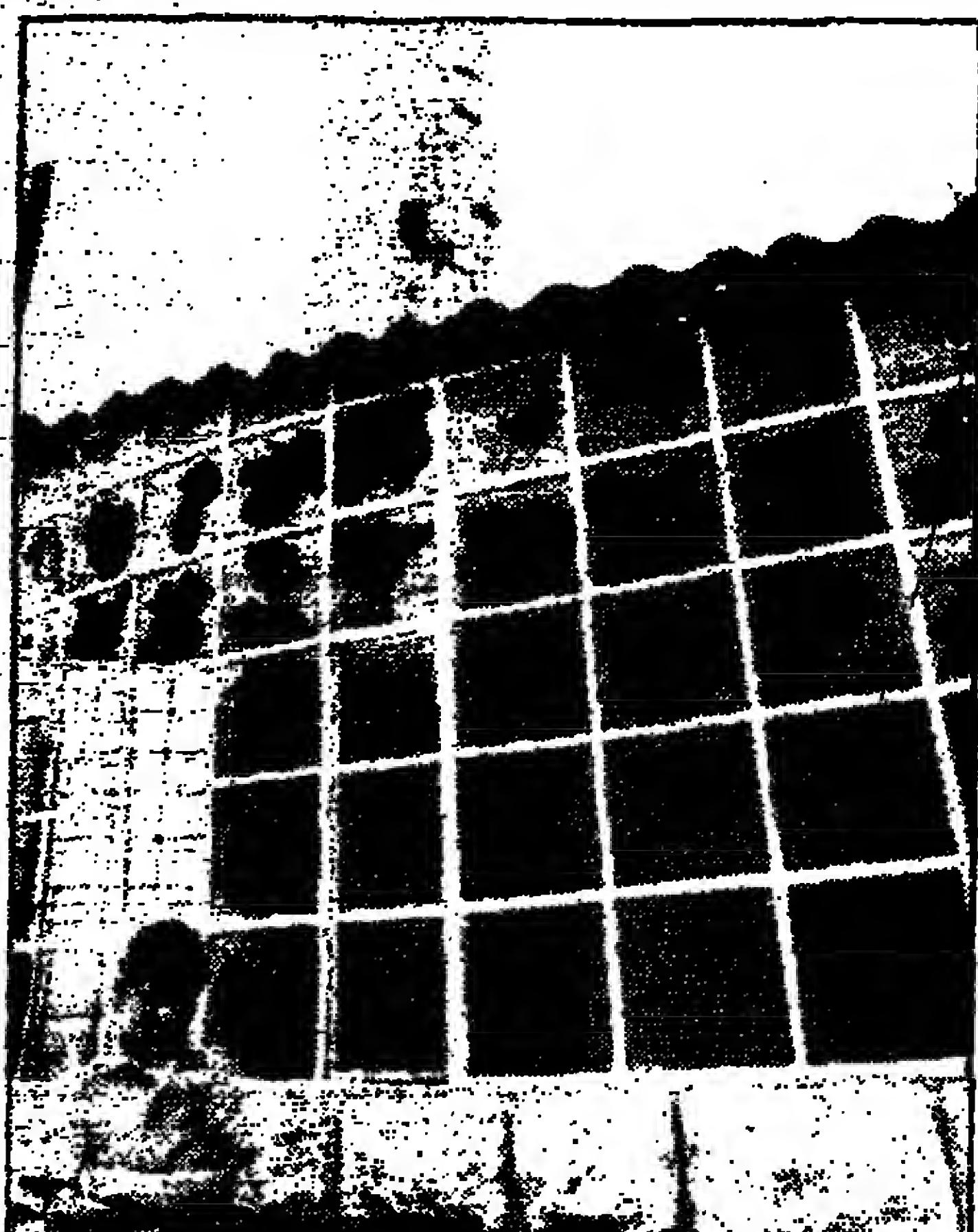
Israeli officials contend they want no half-construction because the mosque was built over archaeological ruins.

The occupation authorities later approved a four-day respite, but the dispute triggered strong anti-Israel sentiment among villagers.

"If the bulldozers arrive, they will have to bury us inside the mosque," Seif Khatib, 50, said Thursday as he and hundreds of other villagers surrounded the mosque, a half-completed 400-square-metre limestone complex.

Minutes later, an army jeep pulled up the hill, and shouts of "The soldiers are coming" swept through the crowd. Village elders restrained angry youths pushing towards the jeep, telling them not to provoke the soldiers.

A lieutenant-colonel!



ARMY AGAINST MOSQUES: An Arab boy stands by the broken windows of a mosque in the occupied West Bank village of Beit Ummar after the building came under attack by Israeli soldiers who fired cannonshots of marble at it.

climbed out of the jeep and toured the mosque with village elders. The officer told residents that they had won a

Olivier Rafovitch, an Israeli spokesman, said a construction permit was denied because the mosque was being built on ruins from the Byzantine, Roman, Hellenistic and Iron Age periods.

One of the mosque's outer walls is one metre away from the roofless ruins of a Byzantine church.

But villagers were sceptical about the reasons given by the Israeli.

"The Israelis don't want more mosques. They are afraid it will help the Islamic movement. And because of the uprising, they want to take revenge against us," said Khatib.

Villagers also said the occupation authorities were trying to punish them for refusing to agree to Israel's demand to appoint village leaders.

"Accepting a village council would be an act of collaboration," said resident Ahmad Abu Haniyeh, 22.

Construction of the mosque began about two months ago to provide more space for worshippers who in the past were forced to pray in the streets surrounding the old mosque built in 1927.

Residents donated material and labour, with about 200 people working at the site in their spare time. "This is our mosque and I worked hard," said 15-year-old Musa Abed Salihi, who helped carry bricks and mix cement.

Khatib. "This land should be exempt from regulations."

Kuwaitis unite to condemn hijacking

KUWAIT (R) — In a show of national unity Saturday, hundreds of Kuwaiti Shi'ite Muslims crowded into a memorial service for two Sunni Muslims killed by hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner.

"Kuwait is targeted," blind author Abdul Razak Al Baseri told the service in the Da'ya Shi'ite prayer hall, attended by Minister of State for Services Issa Mohammad Al Mazidi.

"They (the hijackers) wanted to break our national unity but we were alert. Be aware, gentlemen," Baseri told worshippers.

The hijackers, believed to be pro-Iranian Shi'ites, shot dead the two Kuwaiti passengers at Larnaca, Cyprus, to press their demand that the Boeing 747 be refuelled.

Most if not all of the estimated 31 hostages still aboard the plane are believed to belong to Kuwait's majority Sunni sect, including three members of the ruling Al Sabah family.

In return for fuel at Larnaca, the hijackers freed 12 hostages. All four Kuwaitis among them were Shi'ites.

Ali Moussa, an auditor, adding that the hijackers were not true Shi'ites.

The two murdered Kuwaitis are sons of all of Kuwait. They sacrificed their lives for Kuwait," said Fadel Abu Abbas, who helped organise the service.

The family of one of the released Kuwaitis, Fadil Leiri, said Sunday he had not heard from him since he was freed in Larnaca.

The Foreign Ministry confirmed to Reuters that Leiri was in Kuwait, but referred other questions to the Interior Ministry.

The hijackers have demanded that Kuwait release 17 Arab militants imprisoned for bomb attacks in December 1983.

The service was broadcast on Kuwait Television along with interviews with several citizens who stressed national unity.

Several mourners, who included three of the released Kuwaiti hostages, said the hijacking drew the nation closer together.

"The hijackers wanted to create sectarianism in Kuwait," said

victims of bomb attacks on embassies and other targets in 1983.

About 35 hostages, including the three members of the Kuwait royal family, remain on the plane. There are believed to be about eight hijackers, one or two of whom may have boarded in Iran.

Receptions cancelled

The emir and crown prince of Kuwait have cancelled traditional receptions marking Ramadan out of respect for the hijack victims, newspapers reported Sunday.

The newspapers quoted the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) as saying that the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, called off the normal Ramadan receptions "out of sympathy for the families of the martyrs and those hijacked on the Kuwaiti airliner" and in response to the feelings of citizens and residents alike.

The crown prince, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, also cancelled the traditional receptions to celebrate the start of Ramadan, the agency said.

Bugged phone tapes reveal British warning to Waite

LONDON (Agencies) — Britain warned Church of England envoy Terry Waite shortly before he vanished in Lebanon in January 1987 that his life might be in danger because of the arrest of a suspected Lebanese hijacker, the Foreign Office confirmed Saturday.

The warning was disclosed in a tape of a bugged telephone conversation between Waite and the British consul in Beirut, Frank Gallagher, according to London's Sunday Express.

The newspaper said it had obtained a five-hour series of taped conversations Waite had on a bugged hotel telephone in the Lebanese capital.

Waite, special envoy to Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, vanished in Beirut Jan. 20, 1987, while trying to win freedom for two Americans held hostage by Islamic

leaders in Beirut.

It said a woman was involved in each operation, except that in the 1973 attack, the "woman" was actually a man in disguise.

The Soviet news agency TASS accused Israel of killing Abu Shamir, Rabin, Peres gave the go-ahead to kill Abu Jihad," NBC said.

It said top Israeli army leaders Dan Shomron and Ehud Barak helped plan the operation, which was similar to the 1973 operation in which Israel killed three PLO leaders in Beirut.

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Demjanjuk verdict expected today



John Demjanjuk

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese armed forces Sunday denied a report that anti-government rebels fired missiles at Juba airport in southern Sudan, saying the launching was an accident.

The general command would like to categorically deny any link between this incident and the rebel movement ... and assert that the town is under no danger," an armed forces spokesman quoted by the official Sudan News Agency said.

Al Gareeda daily, in a report from Juba 1,200 kilometres south of Khartoum, said Saturday two missiles damaged a Soviet-made MiG-17 jet and a water tank at the airport Thursday without causing casualties.

The spokesman said several projectiles fired by mistake from an aircraft while it was undergoing routine maintenance hit a non-operational aircraft on the airfield and a water tank.

The independent Al Aya and the English-language Sudan Times reported Sunday that Juba airport was closed to traffic as a result of the Thursday incident.

The spokesman warned local media that such unofficial reports harmed national interests.

TEL AVIV (AP) — John Demjanjuk, who has spent years fighting charges he was Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the terrible," will learn the verdict Monday in his 14-month war crimes trial.

Three Israeli judges will issue a 450-page judgment based on prosecution testimony, documents experts and testimony from Demjanjuk himself. The proceedings filled 15,000 pages.

Adolf Eichmann was convicted and hanged in 1962 in the only other Nazi war crimes trial in Israel. Unlike Eichmann, Demjanjuk has insisted he is an innocent victim of mistaken identity.

The retired autoworker from Cleveland, Ohio, is charged with operating gas chambers that killed 850,000 people at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1942 and 1943.

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Stripped of his U.S. citizenship before extradition to Israel in February 1980, Demjanjuk is stateless and could be deported to the Soviet Union, which provided a Nazi identity card and other evidence against him.

"This is a man without a nation, he has no papers. When the trial ends, our problems don't end. They're only beginning," Demjanjuk's son-in-law Ed Krasnic said in an interview.

Much of the trial focused on a lengthy, often repetitive debate over the authenticity of a key piece of prosecution evidence, Demjanjuk's alleged Nazi identity card.

Some 500 exhibits, among them even a paperclip, were submitted to bolster the testimony of six prosecution experts who said it was authentic and an equal number of defence witnesses who maintained it was forged.

Demjanjuk contends the document was fabricated by the Soviet Union to punish him for serving in an anti-communist unit formed by the Nazis at the end of World War II.

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Hijackers air hostage's appeal

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The estimated eight hijackers asked for 25,000 litres of fuel to maintain confinement inside the plane. It was not clear why they had been dispatched.

One official, who refused to be identified by name, said the lone was urgently needed for Arab ambassadors expected to come to the airport for a possible expansion of the continuing negotiations. The official declined to provide any details.

The gunmen have threatened to fly the jet out of Algeria "to settle our score with Kuwait somewhere else." Early Sunday, they said they would extend their "departure time warning" to give an opportunity for the efforts by the Algerians.

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a second prong of the offensive overwhelmed Iranian forces on the Fao side of the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the peninsula's northern boundary.

A Western military analyst in Baghdad said the Iraqis had taken a salt quarry and this paved the way to capture the town of Fao eight kilometres away.

It was the first time Iraq had taken the initiative in the ground war since mid-1982 when it overran the virtually abandoned Iranian town of Mehran just inside

the Iranian border.

The Iraqis have fought a largely defensive war since withdrawing from Iranian territory in 1982, saying they are willing to negotiate for peace.

Soldiers of the Iraqi Seventh Army Corps and the elite Presidential Guards launched an offensive in Fao, the Iraqi communiqué said.

The use of the Presidential Guards suggested a major offensive, since they are rarely deployed in routine combat.

Analysts expect U.S. stocks to slide

NEW YORK (R) — Bad economic news that battered U.S. stocks last week is likely to prompt remedial measures that could push share prices down further when markets open Monday, analysts and economists warn.

"Rising interest rates are the biggest threat," said Prudential Pacific analyst Larry Wachtel.

Some also said they expected Japanese investors, once a big part of the U.S. markets, to stay away from U.S. stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank a total of 76 points last week to 2,013. It dropped 101 points Thursday after the U.S. trade deficit ballooned and fell further Friday after a surprise jump in consumer prices.

Bargain buyers produced an eight-point rise by Friday's close, however.

Watch for interest rates

Gruntal analyst Alan Ackerman said: "We have to watch out for higher interest rates now. The Federal Reserve may have no choice other than tightening credit policy to try to stop the dollar's free fall and fight inflation."

He added: "That means that interest rates will rise, hurting the consumer and business," forcing both to pay more to borrow and spend.

The effect would be to slow economic expansion and make stocks less attractive, Ackerman said.

It would also turn investors to the U.S. note and bond market for higher yields, taking their money out of stocks.

Six months after the Oct. 19 "Black Monday," when the Dow plunged 508 points and triggered shocks in markets worldwide, some analysts say a recession could be forced by a falling dollar, swelling inflationary pressure

raising their prime lending rate this week."

Brokers said a rise would quickly hit both the credit and stock markets. Sanford C. Bernstein's Jerome Hinkle saw "little stock market relief in the basic economic news or on the charts some of our investors follow."

"For the financial markets, the trade gap is a near disaster," said Boston Co. economist and stock analyst Allen Sinai.

Dollar may go down

He said it was likely to propel the dollar down further, prompting more of last week's coordinated central bank buying of dollars to sop up some of the selling.

Sinai also expected the equity markets to drop further. "It is hard to tell how far down the trade report could propel the stock market."

James Korchian, chief fixed income strategist for Merrill Lynch, said: "There is little doubt the bond markets will continue to be concerned with international factors."

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and higher interest rates.

Nervous Wall Street investors were jolted Thursday by news that February's trade deficit was \$13.83 billion compared to \$12.44 billion in January.

Friday's news of a 0.6 per cent jump in producer prices when a 0.2 per cent had been expected led many market traders to suggest the Federal Reserve could increase its discount rate to members banks.

Although an increase is partly symbolic, it can spread quickly to many types of rates, including mortgages, broker loans and bond market yields, they said.

A rise in the prime rate, now 8.5 per cent, is likely this week, some analysts and Wall Street observers said.

The Investor's Almanac, published by Barron's magazine, said: "Banks are expected to follow a rise in the U.S. long bond yield almost to nine per cent by

However, he added: "Daiwa believes the U.S. stock market is closer to its bottom than its top."

Edward Collins, Daiwa Executive vice-president in charge of U.S. equities, said: "If the U.S. stock market holds its ground Monday and Tuesday, it could make a 100- to 150-point gain."

Tokyo stocks set to rise

The Japanese bull market may have a lot further to go, he said. "After the Nikkei index crossed over 27,000 recently, the goal now is 30,000."

Last week, Japanese investors played a small part in the U.S. selling, he said, and this week it should be the same.

"The unstable dollar is leading Japanese investors to buy U.S. bonds and Japanese stocks now. Those who dabble in U.S. stocks are in-and-out traders," Collins said.

He said Japanese insurers did not dump the dollar when advantageous accounting changes recently went into effect with the end of the fiscal year because many "were in securities with various maturity dates, easing the effect of any dollar dumping."

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Low prices boost chocolate demand

LONDON (AP) — Demand for chocolate, in particular the traditional solid bar, is booming. The reason, industry sources say, is stable prices because of the depressed market for cocoa.

Cocoa beans, which account for about 10 per cent of the finished price of a chocolate bar, were cheaper than at any time since early 1982. Prices have dropped 30 per cent in the last year alone.

At today's price of just about £890 (\$1,647) per tonne, cocoa in real terms — after allowing for inflation — is at its lowest since

the early 1960s.

Analysts say confectionery manufacturers and consumers both are benefiting from the slump, which is caused by four years of oversupply.

Manufacturers have either cut or kept chocolate prices stable over the past year while boosting profits, and promotional spending, say the London-based cocoa merchants Gill and Duffus.

In the 1970s, chocolate sales were hurt by rises in prices to levels about four times current prices, and in the 1980s, health foods cut into sales.

But Gill forecasts that world demand for cocoa in the current 1987-88 season ending in September, will rise 3.6 per cent to the highest level ever of 1.963 million tonnes.

This would still be an estimated 122,000 tonnes below world production, which is expected to reach a record two million tonnes.

Stable prices have helped solid chocolate bars to stage a comeback at the expense of sugar candy and filled bars, which use less cocoa.

Cadbury reports rapid growth

Cadbury, Britain's biggest confectionery manufacturer, reported rapid growth in the sector last year.

In a recent study, Cadbury found that Britons, who have the sweetest tooth in Europe, in 1987

on average spent a record 71.9 pence (\$1.33) a week on chocolate confectionery and ate 154 grammes (54 ounces) per person weekly.

Only the Swiss eat more chocolate, but they consume considerably less sugar confectionery than the British.

Gill reports that chocolate consumption is growing throughout Europe, and in regions such as the Soviet Union, Asia and South America.

The United States — the world's biggest importer of beans — used a record 292,938 tonnes last year, a rise of 9.2 per cent on 1986, according to Gill.

Industry sources said candy bars make up about half of annual U.S. production of nearly 2.5 billion pounds of chocolate.

Chocolate as we know it today dates from a Dutch discovery in the last century of a method of pressing most of the fat, or cocoa butter, out of roasted cocoa beans.

The hard cake produced is ground into powder and used as a drink, while the butter is mixed with milk, sugar and other ingredients to make chocolate.

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Ministry notifies Jordanian doctors of openings in Libya

AMMAN (I.T.) — The Ministry of Health announced that the door is still open for Jordanian physicians wishing to work in Libya.

A report in Al Ra'i, Arabic newspaper quoted health officials as saying that 41 doctors have already left for Libya to take up jobs there and 35 others will leave in the coming three weeks.

Tabbaa lowers meat prices

AMMAN (Petra) — Prices of imported meat have been slightly reduced, and olive oil imported from Tunisia will be available at Jordanian stores from now on, according to a statement by Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabbaa.

The statement said that from now on containers of 4.375 kilogrammes of Tunisian oil will be sold to the consumers at the rate of JD 4,250 each.

One kilogramme of imported mutton will cost the consumer JD 1,240; a kilogramme of imported beef JD 1,380 and a kilogramme of fillet will cost JD 1,650, according to the new rates.

The new prices reflect a drop by 20 fils on each kilogramme of imported meat of all types, according to the statement.

Tabbaa was quoted by the Arabic daily newspaper Al Ra'i Saturday as that of Sun-

day, there will be no shortage of meat supplies in the country because the ministry will distribute imported fresh meat to butchers on a daily basis.

The minister said that agreement has been reached with importers to double the amount of imported meat during the month of Ramadan to meet the expected increase in meat consumption during this month.

Tabbaa said that rice, sugar, flour and milk and other basic commodities are available in Jordan in sufficient quantities and that ministry officials will be touring stores to ensure that ministry regulations concerning these commodities and their prices are not violated.

Referring to prices of vegetables and fruit, which witnessed a noticeable increase, the minister said these prices will gradually drop within this week.

Jordan-Kuwait agricultural firm to distribute 5% dividend

AMMAN — The Jordan Kuwait Company for Agricultural Products has decided to distribute dividends to shareholders at the rate of five per cent in the light of the company's 1987 operations.

A report in Al Ra'i, Arabic newspaper said that the company's general assembly held a meeting on April 14, supervised by an official from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, and adopted the board's recommendation.

The company was established in Jordan in 1985 with a JD 4 million capital which shared by Jordanian and Kuwaiti shareholders.

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Jordanian merchants had earlier concluded contracts with North Yemeni importers on specified quantities of goods to be exported to North Yemen.

that their own fate is linked with that of developing countries, according to the results of a survey released here.

It also shows that more than three-quarters of the Austrian population support economic aid to developing countries while 22 per cent are against the idea.

Conducted by the Fessel and GFK Institute for the Austrian foreign ministry, the survey shows that in other European countries, fewer people had rejected the idea of development aid.

Joint output cuts of between 600,000 to one million barrels per day by OPEC and the other sellers who have been invited to talks at Vienna headquarters on April 26 are vital to ease surpluses and stop prices falling, market analysts say.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for April 17, 1988

	Number	Volume	Costs
Regular market:	96216	JD 139696	142
Top three companies:	29539	JD 29770	11
Jordan Dairy	220	JD 25080	4
Arab Bank	11369	JD 11868	12
Jordan Cement Factories	11637	JD 5223	
Parallel market:	3700	JD 48700	
Development bonds:			
Treasury bills & bonds:			

Finance and Commodities Report

The following is the first of a regular column that will appear twice a month in the Jordan Times, examining the most important movements in currency, commodity and other markets in Jordan and abroad.

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By Fouad Batshon

THE DOLLAR dropped on surprisingly large February U.S. trade gap. With an expectation of \$11 billion gap the figure was released Thursday to be \$13.83 billion which made the dollar fall three full points against the British pound.

The dollar was steady but mixed after dealers in N.Y., London and Frankfurt reported central banks in their countries bought dollars for yen and marks, as part of a concentrated policy adopted by the G7 meeting and announced on Wednesday in Washington.

Locally, the dollar tested the high of 0.345 fils on the Jordanian dinar, and finished the week with a drop of five fils, to close at 0.340 fils.

Indications from the charts appear to be bullish on the dollar against all major currencies and the Jordanian dinar.

Commodities

Lendl returns to tennis

MONTRE CARLO (R) — Ivan Lendl ends an injury-enforced absence of two months when he returns to the tennis circuit at the Monte Carlo Open which begins Monday.

Top seed Lendl, whose position as world number one has been eroded considerably this year, has been sidelined by a stress fracture in his right foot and will be playing in Monte Carlo for the first time since he won the tournament in 1985.

Defending champion Mats Wilander of Sweden, whose participation was in doubt because of sinusitis and a high temperature during the week, has recovered sufficiently to keep his place in the draw, which was put back to Sunday to see if he would be fit.

Australian Open champion Wilander, who has closed the gap behind Lendl to fractionally over 22 points in the computer rankings, received a bye, as did the other leading seeds, into the second round.

The presence of West German former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker — a Monte Carlo resident like Wilander — makes it the first tournament of the year featuring Lendl, Wilander and Becker together.

But it will be without Czechoslovak Miloslav Mezir, who has been troubled by a back injury and was ousted by unranked local Shuzo Matsukata in the Japanese Grand Prix last Thursday.

Three years ago Lendl came to Monte Carlo reluctantly, unwilling to sandwich a European tournament between two in the U.S., but left after successfully completing the second leg of a remarkable treble of straight tournament wins on different surfaces.

Monte Carlo is an important clay-court tournament in the run-up to the French Open in five weeks when Lendl aims to keep the title he has won three times in the past four years.

Wilander has made great inroads into Lendl's lead in the computer rankings this year following victories in the Australian Open and Key Biscayne, although he suffered a reverse a week ago when he lost both his singles in the Davis Cup quarter-final against Czechoslovakia.

The Swede, runner-up to Lendl in both the French and U.S. Open finals last year, won the Monte Carlo crown in 1983 and 1987 and was beaten finalist in 1984 and 1985.

Former French Open champion Yannick Noah, who made an early exit last year, looks in good shape following semifinal appearances in Key Biscayne and Dallas and strong form in the French Davis Cup quarter-final win over Australia.

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LAS VEGAS (R) — Marlon Starling built up an early lead but had to hold off fellow American Mark Breland to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) Lightweight Championship with a 12-round draw Saturday night.

Starling, who stopped Breland in the 11th round last August to win the title, was well ahead on all three judges' cards halfway through the bout, before Breland staged a comeback that fell just short.

Jerry Roth scored the bout 116-113 in favour of Starling while Dave Moretti gave the edge of

clowning.

He would hide behind his gloves, pretend to be hurt, then shake his head and laugh at the challenger. But he threw very few punches in the late rounds.

His failure to take Breland's late challenge seriously very nearly cost Starling his title.

Starling was clearly surprised by the draw.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

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TENNIS

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TOKYO (Agencies) — American John McEnroe, serving strongly and volleying well, trounced favoured Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-2, 6-2 Sunday in the men's singles finals of the Japan Open Tennis Championship.

It was McEnroe's first major victory.

The 29-year-old McEnroe told reporters that, "I played up-and-down games in the last one-and-a-half years, but it's good to win the tournament. I made the good start and am very happy. I had very good concentration today."

It was McEnroe's first major tournament since the U.S. Open last September.

Defending champion Edberg, ranked third in the world, took home \$61,125. It was his seventh defeat by McEnroe against one victory.

The IAAF Saturday barred Budd from competing for one month and urged the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) to ban the South African-born British athlete for a further 12 months for her involvement in an athletics meeting in South Africa last year.

"Come back home Zola," the Afrikaans-language Rapport newspaper urged in a front-page report.

The paper said its invitation reflected a general feeling in South African athletic circles after the IAAF "handed down a death sentence on Zola Budd's international athletics career."

The IAAF decision came on the final day of the South African senior athletics championships in the orange free state city of Bloemfontein, Budd's hometown.

Rapport quoted Wally Labuschagne, chairman of the Free State Athletics Union, as saying: "They (the IAAF) are looking for a stick with which to beat South Africa. Zola is being made a scapegoat."

"We love her and we want her back with us again," said Jannie Moerberg, deputy chairman of the South African Athletics Union and a personal friend of Budd, told reporters Saturday that the IAAF seemed determined to ban the athlete from the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, later this year.

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Nicaraguan talks delayed by ceasefire zones issue

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua's Sandinista government and contra rebel leaders met in a Managua hotel Sunday for peace talks bogged down over how to operate special ceasefire zones.

The talks, the first to be held in the Nicaraguan capital, are aimed at transforming a 60-day temporary truce signed last month into a permanent peace. They opened Saturday with six hours of negotiations at the Camino Real Hotel on Managua's outskirts.

So far they have been limited to details of how to operate special ceasefire zones created under the preliminary accord signed last month — the stumbling block in lower-level meetings this month.

Under the truce, which took effect on April 1, the U.S.-backed contras are supposed to enter special enclaves and then lay down their arms and return to civilian life by stages.

No immediate agreement

A rebel leader, Alfredo Cesar, ruled out immediate agreement on a lasting peace before the technical issues were settled.

"In this first round of negotiations in Managua, we will not be able to arrange a permanent ceasefire," he told reporters.

The government said a definitive ceasefire should be the goal and if no agreement was reached on technical matters the talks should proceed to discuss an end to the war.

Outstanding issues included how to deliver a package of U.S. humanitarian aid to the rebels, and a rebel demand to be replenished with military supplies in the ceasefire zones.

A dispute flared Saturday after the rebels demanded the freedom to tour the city during the meeting — an original condition for attending the talks.

The government has permitted the rebels two outings, one to the opposition newspaper La Prensa and the other to the Nicaraguan Episcopal Conference.

"They are treating us like prisoners," a rebel leader, Azucena Ferrer, told reporters Saturday night.

Rebel spokesman Bosco Matamoros complained the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) refused to let his delegation attend a mass Sunday at the parish of Roman Catholic priest Cardinal Miguel Obando y

Bravo, an observer at the talks.

Not tourists

But the government said restrictions were imposed for the safety of the 40-strong contra delegation.

"They must understand that they are not a group of tourists but a military group in arms against the government," Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Hugo Tinoco told a news conference.

There are many Nicaraguan families with relatives killed by the contras."

No leader of the Nicaraguan Resistance umbrella organisation had been permitted to set foot in Managua since taking up arms against what they branded a Communist dictatorship.

But their return Friday night was not the jubilant affair they may have expected after predicting spontaneous outpourings of popular support. The only welcome was from two rebel officials who had arrived earlier.

Virtually all of the rebels participating in the meeting with top-ranking Sandinista leaders live in the United States, whose Congress has backed their struggle with financial aid on and off since 1981. Most have had their first glimpse of Managua in several years.

Panama protesters clash with police

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Hundreds of protesters smashed windows, blocked streets with flaming barricades and clashed with riot police Saturday in a violent demonstration demanding the ouster of General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Police fired tear gas and birdshot at about 400 demonstrators, most of them members of a women's group, rallied on the north side of the capital. There were no reports of injuries or arrests.

About 300 women, joined later by about 100 residents of the Batania section of the city, set up blazing barricades of trash and tires across some streets and hurled rocks at police.

Some windows in homes and shops were shattered by stones.

The women, members of a union of civic women, marched in the streets following a mass at the Roman Catholic Church of Perpetuo Socorro in Batania. They said they prayed to God "to bring conscience" to the Panamanian military to force Noriega to resign.

At least 10 small police trucks waited outside the church before the protest began.

Carmen Cecilia Capriles, a leader of the protest, said the demonstrators wanted Noriega to resign because "he has the country in bankruptcy because of his evil corruption."

After the mass, the women rallied outside the church waving white handkerchiefs as a sign of protest. They marched carrying rosaries and chanted, "Justice, justice."

Riot squads in trucks used water cannons that sprayed a mixture of tear gas and water at the demonstrators.

Italian guerrillas, silent for a year, kill premier's aide

ROME (R) — Italian left-wing guerrillas, silent for more than a year, have shot dead a close aide of Italy's new prime minister Ciriaco de Mita in what he termed an attack on his dominant Christian Democrat Party.

Police said Senator Roberto Ruffilli, also a Christian Democrat, was killed Saturday by two shots in the back of the neck while alone at home in the central city of Fori.

Police sources said Ruffilli, a 50-year-old bachelor, was shot after having been forced to kneel before his killers.

The murder was discovered after a telephone call to a newspaper on behalf of the Fighting Communist Party claimed responsibility saying it had "struck the heart of the state."

The group is a hardline offshoot of the Red Brigades which conducted a campaign of violence in the 1970s, killing 17 public figures, including former Christian Democrat prime minis-

ter Aldo Moro. Italy marked the 10th anniversary of the Moro kidnapping last month.

De Mita, who formed Italy's 48th post-war government last Wednesday and is due to present it to parliament Tuesday, condemned the shooting as an attack on democracy.

He said the Christian Democ-

rats, who have dominated Italian political life since the end of the Second World War, had "paid a new and terrible price for its responsibility as a great national party and guarantor of 40 years of freedom and democracy."

Ruffilli was little known in mainstream politics but was a member of the Commission for Constitutional Affairs and had been one of de Mita's principal advisers on plans for major reforms to Italy's political institutions.

Politicians on all sides expressed horror at the shooting, including the Communist daily L'Unità

which said in an editorial that it "re-voiced the dark years of terror."

Most members of the Red Brigades were rounded up and jailed in the early 1980s. But hard-line remnants have carried out attacks regularly around the Moro anniversary.

Last January police arrested a guerrilla suspected of belonging to the Fighting Communist Party near the Rome home of de Mita and said the group may have been planning an attack against the Christian Democrat leader.

Anti-terrorism investigators said Saturday that the Ruffilli killing may have been linked to that plot, or that the guerrillas had turned their attention instead to the senator whose lower public profile made him an easy target.

The last urban guerrilla killing in Italy was in March 1987 when the Fighting Communists Union shot dead Air Force General Licio Giorgieri in Rome.

Column 8

Swedish royals visit Garbo

NEW YORK (R) — The King and Queen of Sweden made an unscheduled visit to reclusive Hollywood legend Greta Garbo Saturday. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia used a morning break in their official schedule to visit Garbo, 82, at her East Side Manhattan apartment overlooking the East River. "It was a private visit among friends," said Commander Bror Schwedler, a royal escort who said he waited downstairs during the visit with the Swedish-born cinema star, who forsook the screen for her solitary life in 1941. While the royal couple confirmed they had stolen time for the private visit, they would not tell reporters any details of the visit, nor would they answer questions about Garbo's health, rumoured to be frail. "It is out of respect" for Garbo that they would not describe her condition or the meeting, said the queen. Royal spokeswoman Elisabeth Tarras-Wahlberg said, "They hadn't wanted it (the visit) to come out in the press."

Getting rich for no reason

DALLAS (R) — Texas may be in an economic recession, but when a local disc jockey asked listeners to send in \$20 — for no reason at all — the radio station ended up with \$243,000 in donations.

"We're flabbergasted. We never promised anybody anything," said Ron Chapman, a morning disc jockey at radio station KVIL-FM. He said he had expected about 350 responses. Chapman made the request March 31 and the next morning \$20 cheques started flooding in. Finally, last Monday, the station asked its listeners not to send any more checks. The deadline prompted some people to drop off their checks at the station's office to slip checks under the door, Chapman said.

Following a briefing Thursday by State Department and Pentagon officials, Senate Foreign Relations Committee members generally agreed the administration must do more to seek a diplomatic solution.

U.S. urged to try cooperation, negotiated solution in Panama

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Ronald Reagan's administration is isolated, Arias said.

He recommended a negotiated settlement and said that the United States should cooperate with other Central American countries in finding a solution. Unilateral action only leaves President

U.S. officials also are listing negotiations as one of several options, but they still hope that Panama's severe cash shortage and continued payless paydays for thousands of government workers will prompt Noriega's departure.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias said during a visit to Washington last week that the economic sanctions the United

States imposed have punished the Panamanian people more than they have Noriega.

Philippine officials accompanying Aquino on the 22-hour visit to the British colony had agreed to look into their grievances.

She said these including meagre wages and alleged abuses by their employers and by Hong Kong immigration officials.

Aquino earlier met the Colony's governor, Sir David Wilson, and other officials to discuss trade relations and immigration issues.

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About 50 of their representatives were later allowed into the church to have mass with the president, who briefly explained to them that her recent decision to ban export of Philippine domestic workers was to protect their interests.

The maids dispersed peacefully without incidents after the one-hour mass.

A spokeswoman for the Filipinas, Cynthia Tellez, told reporters she is in Hong Kong.

No place to skin a beaver

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Four University of Minnesota football players were evicted and their dormitory rooms declared uninhabitable after animal remains were found in a blood-splattered room under the door, Chapman said.

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